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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: William G. Thilly

Application No.: 09/503,758 Group Art Unit: 1655

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For: Methods of Identifying Point Mutations in a Genome

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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement dated March 26, 2001, the claims of Group II, Claims 23, 25-28, 33, 59, and 60 drawn to methods for identifying genes with harmful alleles, classified in class 435, subclass 6 are elected for prosecution. Applicant reserves the right to file a continuing application or take such other appropriate action as deemed necessary to protect the non-elected inventions. Applicant does not hereby abandon or waive any rights in the non-elected inventions.

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An extension of time to respond to the Restriction Requirement is respectfully requested.
A Petition for an Extension of Time and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently.

Respectfully submitted,

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